

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday March 24, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Room L139, Western Service Center, Apple Valley**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler. Those in attendance:

Commissioner Joseph A. Harris
Commissioner Kathleen A. Gaylord
Commissioner Thomas Egan
Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler
Commissioner Liz Workman
Commissioner Paul J. Krause
Commissioner Willis E. Branning

Also in attendance were: Dave Rooney, Community Services Division Director, and Karen Schaffer, County Attorney' Office.

2. REPORTS

There were no reports.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

4. AUDIENCE

Chair Schouweiler asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the committee on an item not on the agenda or if anyone wished to discuss an item on the Consent Agenda. No one appeared.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Branning, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Gaylord, seconded by Commissioner Workman, and passed on a 7-0 vote to approve the following Consent Agenda.

6.1 Minutes of the February 10, 2008 meeting

6.2 Authorization To Execute Contract With Minnesota Department Of Veterans Affairs On Behalf Of Minnesota Veterans Home In Hastings To Provide Quarantine Beds In Event Of Pandemic Flu Or Infectious Disease Outbreak

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Public Health Department has identified a need for quarantine beds in the event of a pandemic flu or other infectious disease outbreak as a part of its emergency preparedness plan; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs has agreed to provide up to seven beds at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Hastings for the quarantine of adult men and women over the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Veterans Home in Hastings will admit individuals for the use of quarantine beds with a minimum of 24 hours notice from the County; and

WHEREAS, County Public Health staff will provide regular symptom monitoring of quarantined individuals, and assessment of their essential needs and mental health status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, on behalf of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Hastings, for up to seven quarantine beds at a daily rate as calculated pursuant to Minn. Rules 9050.0500, effective April 7, 2008, or the date the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. §16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever is later, through June 30, 2013, substantially as presented to the Community Services Committee of the Whole on March 24, 2009, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.3 Authorization To Execute Contract With Regency Home Health Care Services, L L C, To Provide 24-Hour Customized Living And Assisted Living Plus Services

WHEREAS, the Elderly (EW) and Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI) waivers serve persons 65 and over and disabled persons under 65 who need nursing facility level of care; and

WHEREAS, Public Health and Social Services service coordinators authorize 24-hour Customized Living, Customized Living, Assisted Living Plus and Assisted Living Services for clients based on individual client needs; and

WHEREAS, vendors of these services bill the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) directly for these services provided to EW and CADI clients; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that a contract be executed with Regency Home Health Care Services, LLC, to provide 24-hour Customized Living and Assisted Living Plus services; and

WHEREAS, EW and CADI waiver and Group Residential Housing (GRH) rate limits are established by DHS on a state fiscal year basis (July 1-June 30); and

WHEREAS, contracts for services funded by the EW and CADI waivers are written to coincide with the state fiscal year funding cycle, and these contracts may be terminated in the event sufficient funds from county, state or federal sources are not appropriated; and

WHEREAS, the execution of these contracts in no way obligates Dakota County to purchase services or refer clients to Regency Home Health Care Services, LLC; and

WHEREAS, in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due, these contracts will contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Regency Home Health Care Services, LLC, for 24-hour Customized Living and Assisted Living Plus services, at rates not to exceed funding limits provided by the EW and CADI waiver programs for the period of April 7, 2009 through June 30, 2011, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, within the rate limits established by DHS, to alter the types of services provided, service rates or contract term, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.4 Authorization To Execute Contract With Blue Plus To Continue To Provide Care Coordination Services For Dakota County Residents Who Are Enrolled In Special Needs Basic Care Products

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners serves as the Community Health Board, pursuant to County Board resolutions adopted October 31, 1978 and January 6, 1987 (Resolution No. 87-4), and has responsibility to develop and maintain an integrated system of community health services under local administration and to prevent disease and disability and promote and protect the health and safety of County citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 145A, in order to improve efficiency, quality, and effectiveness, avoid unnecessary duplication, and gain cost advantages, a community health board may contract to provide, receive, or ensure provision of services; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services and Public Health staff currently provide care coordination services to disabled persons eligible for Medical Assistance (MA), and/or dually eligible for MA and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2008, disabled persons eligible for MA were able to voluntarily choose to participate in a new classification of MA products to be delivered by managed care organizations known as "Special Needs Basic Care" (SNBC); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-045 (January 22, 2008), the County Board authorized the execution of a contract with Blue Plus to provide care coordination services to Dakota County residents who are SNBC members of Blue Plus at a rate of \$100 per member per month (pmpm), effective January 22, 2008 through December 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends executing a contract with Blue Plus for Care Coordination services through June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, staff will seek County Board contract authorization with Blue Plus for SNBC Services effective July 1, 2009, to include 15-minute increment reimbursement for care coordination and administrative time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Blue Plus for Dakota County to provide care coordination services to Dakota County residents who are SNBC members of Blue Plus, at a rate of \$100 per member per month for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

6.5 Authorization To Execute Interagency Agreement Between Department Of Human Services And Dakota County For Access To D H S Data Warehouse Database

WHEREAS, Employment and Economic Assistance staff enter public assistance caseload information into the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) MAXIS and MMIS data systems; and

WHEREAS, this information is then stored by DHS in a database called the DHS Data Warehouse; and

WHEREAS, once a county employee is certified by DHS as a Proficient Employee, DHS will grant remote access from county locations with the goal of improving program administration; and

WHEREAS, a Management Analyst for Employment and Economic Assistance Department began training at DHS on the Data Warehouse system in June 2008 with the goal of acquiring remote access for Dakota County; and

WHEREAS, DHS designated this county employee a Proficient Employee in February of 2009; and

WHEREAS, DHS requires the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between DHS and Dakota County in order to access data in the DHS Data Warehouse; and

WHEREAS, this access will enable Dakota County to obtain caseload statistics which will enhance overall program administration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Board Chair to execute an Interagency Agreement with DHS for access to the DHS Warehouse Database, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form.

7. REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Authorization To Execute East Metropolitan Adult Crisis Stabilization Cooperative Agreement With Ramsey County

Tina Isaac, Social Services Deputy Director, presented background information on East Metropolitan Adult Crisis Stabilization (EMACS) since its creation in 2002, including results, current status, and the Dakota County perspective. Moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Egan, and passed on a 7-0 vote to recommend the County Board adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, in response to a growing shortage of hospital beds for mental health clients and an increase in the number of individuals seeking care in hospital emergency departments, the East Metropolitan Adult Crisis Stabilization (EMACS) was formed; and

WHEREAS, EMACS has been a forum among counties, health plans, hospitals, consumer support groups, and State agencies to identify barriers to integrated rapid crises stabilization for residents experiencing mental health crisis, to problem solve once these barriers are identified, to plan new or enhanced services, and to develop better access to care; and

WHEREAS, the EMACS forum has challenged each organization to work differently through the contribution of time and expertise; has promoted business practices to benefit adults who are in crisis; and has promoted the use of client-centered evidence-based services; and

WHEREAS, the EMACS model has two components: the first is to deliver direct services to adults experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of immediate services and stabilization, and the second is a Continuum of Care to improve the adult mental health system in the East Metro counties; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Dakota County staff has developed a proposed cooperative agreement to improve the adult mental health system in the East Metro counties; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative agreement establishes a governing board consisting of four people, two each appointed and serving at the pleasure of their respective County Boards; and

WHEREAS, each county would have one vote, which may be cast by either member in attendance at a meeting where a vote is taken; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has agreed to act as fiscal agent and administrative agent; and

WHEREAS, the EMACS leadership team will act in an advisory role to the EMACS governing board to support future work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County Board Chair to execute the East Metropolitan Adult Crisis Stabilization Cooperative Agreement by and among the east metropolitan counties of Dakota and Ramsey, substantially as presented on March 24, 2009, to the Community Services Committee of the Whole, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following persons are hereby appointed to serve as the Dakota County representatives to the EMACS governing board: Dave Rooney and Patrick Coyne

7.2 Authorization To Submit Application For State Health Improvement Program Funds From Minnesota Department Of Health

Bonnie Brueshoff, Public Health Director, introduced this item and her co-presenter, Mary Montagne, Public Health Supervisor. Ms. Brueshoff presented background information on the State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) and the application requirements and timelines. Ms. Montagne presented the details of the application and the areas of SHIP focus. Moved by Commissioner Workman, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord, and passed on a 7-0 vote to recommend the County Board adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Board of Commissioners acts as the Community Health Board and has responsibility to and a long history of supporting efforts to prevent disease and disability and promote and protect the health and safety of county residents; and

WHEREAS, three behaviors (tobacco use, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition) contribute significantly to the four leading causes of death (cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, and lung disease), which comprise 50% of deaths and are among the most prevalent, costly, and preventable of all health problems; and

WHEREAS, prevention of chronic disease and disability in Dakota County is a public health priority, as set forth in its Public Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to increase healthy eating and physical activity as well as decrease use and exposure of tobacco as demonstrated by the 2007 Minnesota Student Survey results and other data; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Health Improvement Program was signed into law in 2008 as an integral component of Health Care Reform with the goal to help Minnesotans live longer, better, healthier lives by reducing the burden of chronic diseases through a focus on tobacco use and obesity (physical activity and nutrition) in worksites, healthcare settings, schools, and other community settings; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) developed a plan for policy, environmental and systems changes to support healthy behaviors and issued a Request for Proposals for local public health departments on February 9; and

WHEREAS, MDH requested a Letter of Interest due on March 4 which was submitted by Public Health staff; and

WHEREAS, an application for State Health Improvement Plan Funds from MDH is due on April 13, 2009; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, staff will seek County Board approval to accept funds and approve final work plan and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of an application for State Health Improvement Plan Funds from the Minnesota Department of Health.

10. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT
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Each Commissioner received a copy of the Director's written report and Dave Rooney pointed out highlights.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Margaret Schreiner presented legislative updates.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and passed on a 7-0 vote to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Rolstad
Administrative Coordinator